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Dear Josh:

It is too bad I ~~didn't~~ ^{didn't} have your second memo with the enclosed floor plan before we spoke. Many of my questions are answered, satisfactorily, by this information. Several remain, however, which you may be able to answer now or can keep in mind for later.

My reading of the plan gives a 30 foot width of the basement lab. space in the wing in question. The distance between markers (structural supports?) looks like 22 feet. Thus, a natural lab. area would be 22' by 30'. Your referred to a bay as 21' x 22'. Please straighten this out for me.

The 22' x 30' area is a comfortable size for myself, a technician, fellow and two students. This assumes, of course, separate warm and cold rooms and autoclave-oven area. The 21' x 22' area would be saturated by myself, technician and fellow.

You told me that you are working on facility-sharing possibilities. I can see no disadvantage from our point of view in a working arrangement involving Kaplan's sterile prep room (I assume your underlining of this indicates that this is an idea on which you are working). Probably, his cold room would also serve our needs. If we did get the corner you indicated, these facilities would be not too far away. I question, though, the use of his warm room as our incubator. It would be preferable to have an incubator immediately adjacent to our working space and adaptable as needed. What do you mean to indicate by the circle around "Radiology Home" and the word, "note" pointing at it?

About when I move: For a number of positive reasons, I prefer to move as originally scheduled around Oct. 1. There are three months in question. A fair estimate of 3-4 weeks for moving and personal resettlement cuts this down to slightly more than 2 months. I feel I can very profitably spend this time seeing that the labs are all right, ordering equipment and supplies, writing papers and profiting from extended contacts with a number of people at Stanford and perhaps at Berkeley. I think this time could be a golden opportunity to catch up on much that is always put off in favor of working at the lab bench. I also would like to use this time to organize a course (for the spring quarter?). More about this below. A couple of negative reasons also make me want to move as scheduled. I am more or less a "lame duck" here in Eagle's lab. I get to feel more this way all the time and it

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isn't the most pleasant feeling for me. The "crew" is rapidly disbanding and the remainder are reforming ranks. I probably could stay where I am for 3 months more but I would not be happy to do so. Moving in with Roosa is not a good idea. So...if you don't mind, I'll come as of Oct. 1.

As to work space until my labs are ready: I'll really just need a desk and a dry-ice chest. That is, if the labs will be ready close to Jan. 1. If a long delay seems in the offing, perhaps some space just for myself could be found in Kaplan's quarters. I could do worse!

About the course mentioned above: Not knowing what is being planned by others, this is strictly tentative. I would like to give something covering such topics as transplantation genetics, somatic mutation and recombination, and cell culture methodology and genetics. Perhaps a more natural thing would be to offer this material as part of a larger course with several others. Please comment freely on this.

I don't recall whether I made the final disposition clear on Cann. I have offered and he has accepted a place for two years with me. As per your suggestion, he will not seek outside support unless he can get a "substantially" higher stipend than our training grant. I think it would be appropriate to pay him more than the minimal PHS fellowship level, though, since he is or will be a board-certified pediatrician and will have had 3 yrs in the PHS. He has told me that the salary will not affect his decision to come.

Best regards,

Lee

P.S. DeMars has accepted Asst. Prof. in Medical Genetics at Wisc. and will probably have the space originally designed for you. He sends you his thanks.